

**REFLECTION: Seeing through the eyes of mercy.**

Jesus often has a crowd around him interested in what he is saying and doing. As we read the Gospels, we become like the crowds who follow Jesus, and we are deeply affected by observing and hearing his words. In today's Gospel, the crowd is walking with Jesus on his way to heal the daughter of Jairus. Suddenly Jesus says he is aware of power leaving him.



We know what it is like being in a crowd. We can be oblivious of others around us. Additionally, we can be alarmed by someone who looks very ill. Maybe they have a disease that is contagious. Maybe we are at risk. Or they can look different from us. They may be Muslim and we wonder if we are safe. Or someone with a shaved head

and tattoos. Are they suspicious in our minds because they cause fear? Or does some strange behaviour or vocal sounds by a person with developmental disabilities or a profoundly deaf individual create some fear in us?

Pope Francis is a person in today's world who has this healing effect on a crowd as more people become sceptical about their faith. People gather to see him, and he seeks out the disabled person to kiss. This is often the person others do not see or choose to ignore or fear. He says and does things we are not used to hearing. He speaks of mercy instead of legalistic interpretations of prevailing norms. We listen with new ears.

Pope Francis is teaching us to see what Jesus sees. As part of the crowd listening to Pope Francis, we love him because it feels as if he sees us and our thoughts and fears. He speaks of mercy, and we lean in to hear more of what he is saying. As a result, we feel our fears put to rest, our spirits being healed and our faith encouraged. The primacy of mercy, by both Jesus and Francis, over all other values in our dealings with one another is something our tradition hasn't held up forcefully or clearly enough. But – it's a new day. Just as it was when Jesus responded to the woman and just as Francis speaks and reacts today. **It's time to see with eyes of mercy.**



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 30th June 2018 (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**  
**Sunday 1st July 2018 Mass 9am & 11am**  
 (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	30th June		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Fr Paul's own intention
Sun	1st July	13th   Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	The Holy Ghost Fathers Parishioners
Mon	2nd July	Ferial	Mass 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tue	3rd July	St Thomas	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Wed	4th July	Ferial	Mass 10am	Good Health for Tony & Celia Walker
Thu	5th July	Ferial	Mass 10am	Benefactors of Secular Clergy Fund
Fri	6th July	Ferial	Mass 10am	Sr. Agnes O'Shea D.M.J.
Sat	7th July		Mass 10am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Fr Jim Farrell RIP The sick & Housebound

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturdays:  
 11.30 till 12noon and 5-5.20pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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**Next Week : 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7th July Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**  
**8th July Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 1st Sunday of the Month

**COFFEE & CAKES IN THE HALL—** come and join us for a chat with friends (and make new ones) after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

**WELLSPRING—** it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Wellspring.

### NEXT WEEK IS SEA SUNDAY

There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### LADIES SUMMER OUTING 12th JULY

#### PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

We are visiting Wentworth Woodhouse, a National Trust property in Yorkshire for a tour, then on to a local Garden Centre for you to purchase a snack etc. before the drive home.

Cost: Ladies' Club members £18. Non-members £23. If you are a National Trust Member and bring your card on the day you will receive a £5 refund. What a bargain!!!

### SERRA MEETING THURSDAY 5 JULY 7.30PM

Speaker Fr Tony, our National Chaplain, on St Luke's Gospel. Everyone is very welcome. Meeting in the Parish Hall, Christ Church. Mass is at 7.30pm, followed by a light supper. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes."

### CARMELITE MONASTERY

A mass to celebrate 100 YEARS OF THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN BIRKENHEAD will take place on 16th July at 7pm—see poster in the porch

### FATHER MIKE'S PLEA FOR HELP!

As most of you know Fr. Mike is moving into Smithy Croft. He has been at 47 Brandon Avenue for 13 years now! He needs help in sorting out his clothes, china & crockery, and his books. If you can offer to help please contact Fr. Mike on 0161 436 2147.

### FATHER DAVID, FROM THE SPIRITANS (HOLY GHOST FATHERS)

Is with us to tell us about their mission and make an appeal.

### PARISH MEETING 10th JULY 7PM

We discuss Liturgy, Youth, Maintenance, Parish Hall, Socials, Fund Raising etc. Come along to find out more.

### FLOWERS IN CHURCH—URGENTLY NEED SOMEONE TO SEE TO THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

Rita has offered her services to this for many years but due to family commitments cannot carry on. We thank her for the splendid creations she has done and her hard work. If willing and able to do this please contact the parish office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**FATHER PAUL HAS VERY FEW MASS INTENTIONS SO IF YOU WANT ONE PLEASE FILL IN THE SMALL BROWN ENVELOPE .** The small brown envelopes are in the porch and we have some in the sacristy. If you have an anniversary of someone you love or are in need of a prayer, why not have a Mass offered.

### SHARE THE JOURNEY WALK

(launched by Pope Francis) 7 parishioners (including Fr Paul) took part in the short walk from Church to Bruntwood Park on 16th June 2018 so were able to add 25miles to the 'totaliser'. It was an enjoyable walk many thanks to the 7, pity it wasn't more.  
- the Goal of 24,900 miles (the distance around the whole world) has been reached—the aim now is for a second time around.

## VACANCIES

### Diocesan vacancies

**Senior Trusts & Foundations' Officer** to play a key role in the development and implementation of the Diocesan fundraising activities and those of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury in order to secure funding for parishes, programme work, project work (and organisational core costs) by assisting with the preparation of funding bid applications.

**Diocesan Health & Safety Officer** The post holder will act as the key contact for all health & safety matters throughout the Diocese and will co-ordinate health and safety compliance in all Diocesan Departments and Parishes, trading subsidiaries and associated organisations; supporting, training and assisting in developing risk assessments, policies and procedures required to deliver and promote a first class safety culture. This post is suitable for those holding NEBOSH diploma and Chartered Member of MIOSH

For more information please visit our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> or send CV to [Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)  
Closing dates 13th July

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS**—weekly editions available for sale in the porch. The Catholic Times has a new format—why not give one a try?

### HELPING IN CHURCH—WE NEED YOU

Do you know that being on a Rota list for Reading, Welcoming, Cleaning, etc. does not mean you have to be available every week at the same time. The more people willing to help means the less frequently your turn comes around so it could be once every 2 months.

If you are unable to do the date allocated to you; you can swap with some one else on the list.

If you can help occasionally please let us know, there is a form in the porch or speak with Fr. Paul.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND



May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

If you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Christ, in Communion, to a sick or housebound relative or friend in our Parish, give your request and details to the Parish Office

### HOLY WATER

Please note *Holy Water* is available from the stone jar on the altar steps near the Baptismal Font.



### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Andrea Lomas will be available on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements

### WELCOME

We welcome GEORGIA JANE ROBERTSHAW and ELLIS DAVID ROBERTSHAW who are to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and their family.

### DIVINE MERCY GROUP

This group meet each Monday at 2pm in the Meeting Room but **NOT on Bank Holidays.**

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** is prayed prior to 10 am

**ROSARY** Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498